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TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332, 1367, 1441, 1446, 1453 and the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 ("CAFA"), Pub. L. 109-2, § 1(a), 119 Stat. 4 (Feb. 18, 2005) (codified as amended in scattered sections of 28 U.S.C.), defendants Chase Bank USA, N.A. ("Chase") and Circuit City Stores, Inc. ("Circuit City") (together, "Defendants"), hereby remove the action entitled Gary Davis v. Chase Bank U.S.A., N.A., et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC354564 (the "Action"), to the United States District Court for the Central District of California, on the following grounds:

The Removal Is Timely

1. Plaintiff Gary Davis ("Plaintiff") served the Summons and Complaint in the Action on the Defendants on July 3, 2006. The Complaint was the first pleading received by Defendants, through service or otherwise, setting forth the claim for relief upon which the Action is based. This Notice of Removal has been filed within the thirty-day timeframe and is therefore timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b). A true and correct copy of the Complaint in this Action is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

This Court Has Removal Jurisdiction Under CAFA

- 2. This Court has original jurisdiction over this Action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d), and hence this Action is properly removable pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1453(b), because:
- a. <u>Diversity of citizenship exists</u>. Under CAFA, diversity is satisfied when "any member of a class of plaintiffs is a citizen of a State different from any defendant" 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A). Chase is a national bank located in Delaware and therefore is a citizen of Delaware. <u>See</u> 28 U.S.C. § 1348 (national bank is a citizen of the state in which it is "located"); <u>Wachovia Bank, N.A. v. Schmidt, III</u>, 126 S. Ct. 941, 952, 163 L. Ed. 2d 797 (2006) (holding that a national bank is "located," for diversity jurisdiction purposes, in the state designated

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in its articles of association as its main office). Circuit City is a Virginia corporation
with its principal place of business in Richmond, Virginia, and therefore is a citizen
of Virginia. Plaintiff is a resident of Los Angeles, California, and a citizen of
California. (Compl. ¶ 2.)

b. This Action is a "class action." A "class action," as defined by CAFA, is "any civil action filed under rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or similar state statute or rule of judicial procedure authorizing an action to be brought by 1 or more representative persons as a class action." 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d)(1)(B), 1453(a). Plaintiff alleges that the Action is brought on behalf of a putative class consisting of:

All persons who, in the past four years, used their Circuit City Rewards Card to

- (a) make a Promotional Purchase in California;
- (b) had made the minimum payment, or greater payment on their prior statement closing balance ("Payment"); and
- (c) were assessed a finance charge on their prior balance without Chase having applied that Payment to their prior balance because Chase Bank applied the payment to the Promotional Purchase rather than to the prior balance.
- (Compl. ¶ 11.) Class actions are permitted under California law pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 382 and California Civil Code section 1781.
- c. The amount in controversy is satisfied. The amount in controversy under CAFA is satisfied "if the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2). For purposes of determining the amount in controversy in class actions, CAFA expressly requires that "the claims of the individual members shall be aggregated . . ." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(6). Plaintiff claims that Chase improperly applied his payment to a

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promotional balance rather than to his regular balance, resulting in \$77.25 in additional finance charges in March 2006. (Compl. ¶ 25.) Plaintiff claims to have been improperly billed additional finance charges in unstated amounts "on at least two (2) other occasions." (Id. ¶ 27.) Plaintiff alleges that Defendants improperly billed additional finance charges to other class members "in a manner similar, or identical to that of Plaintiff." (Id.) Plaintiff seeks, among other things: (1) compensatory damages (in the amount of the alleged improperly billed finance charges); (2) restitution and disgorgement (of these and other amounts); (3) punitive damages; and (4) an injunction prohibiting Chase from prioritizing the application of payments to promotional balances (thus precluding Chase from collecting the finance charges at issue on all future accounts). (Compl. ¶¶ 45-46, 48, 55-56, 61, 66, 68-70.) Aggregating the claims of Plaintiff and the putative class, the amount in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000. See 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(6); see also Hunt v. Washington State Apple Advertising Comm'n, 432 U.S. 333, 347, 97 S. Ct. 2434, 53 L. Ed. 2d 383 (1977) ("In actions seeking declaratory or injunctive relief, it is well established that the amount in controversy is measured by the value of the object of the litigation.") (citations omitted); Simmons v. PCR Technology, 209 F. Supp. 2d 1029, 1033 (N.D. Cal. 2002) (holding that the amount in controversy may include punitive damages).

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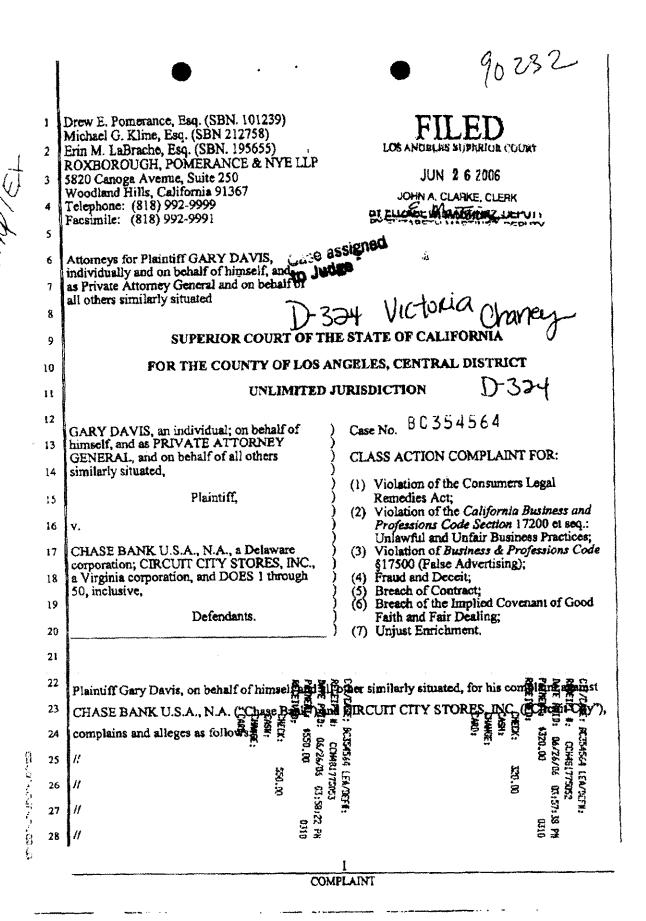
3. CAFA allows for the removal of class actions to federal court in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446, "except that such action may be removed by any defendant without the consent of all defendants." 28 U.S.C. § 1453(b). Accordingly, Chase and Circuit City are permitted to file this Notice of Removal without the joinder or consent of any other defendant. Nevertheless, all known defendants have joined in this removal.

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1. This case arises from Chase Bank's fraudulent and unfair business practice of charging its California credit card holders finance charges in connection with purchases at Circuit City advertised as "no interest, no payment," "no interest with minimum monthly payment," or "interest and payment free" (collectively "Promotional Purchase"). Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and all individuals similarly situated, seeks damages and equitable relief for violations of the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act, the California Business and Professions Code (Unfair Business Practices and False Advertising), for fraud and deceit, and for breach of contract and breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing. Chase Bank's and Circuit City's fraudulent and unfair business practices violate the rights of unsuspecting California consumers throughout the state, for which California consumer protection laws were designed.

THE PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff, Gary Davis ("Plaintiff") is now, and at all relevant times was, a resident of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.
- 3. At all relevant times, the class of Plaintiffs on behalf of which Plaintiff is bringing this suit, were residents of the State of California. Such persons shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Class" or "Class Members."
- 4. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges that Defendant Chase Bank is a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business in the State of California, and doing business throughout the State of California. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendant Chase Bank is presently and/or has engaged in business in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.
- 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges that Defendant Circuit City is a Virginia corporation that owns and operates numerous retail stores in the State of California, including multiple locations in Los Angeles County.

- 6. At all times relevant herein, Defendants Chase Bank and Circuit City offered a credit card through Circuit City ("Circuit City Rewards Card"). The Circuit City Rewards Card conferred certain benefits to consumers who utilized the credit card to make their purchases such as earning reward points redeemable at Circuit City stores. Another benefit of the Circuit City Rewards Card was access to Defendants' advertised promotion of "no interest, no payment" for a specified period of time on certain types of Circuit City purchases. ("Promotional Purchases")
- Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges that at all times herein mentioned, Defendant Chase Bank, Defendant Circuit City and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive (hereinafter jointly referred to as "Defendants"), are each responsible in some manner for the transactions, events and occurrences herein alleged and that damages herein alleged were proximately caused thereby. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges that each of the Doe Defendants was intentionally, negligently, or in some other manner the cause, or contributing cause of, or otherwise responsible for the events and happenings alleged in this complaint and for Plaintiff's injuries and damages and those of the Class. Plaintiff will seek leave to amend this complaint to allege the true names and capacities of each such Doe Defendant, together with such additional allegations as may be appropriate, when their names, capacities, and the nature of their involvement have been ascertained.
- 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times herein mentioned. Defendants, and each of them, were the agents, joint venturers, trustees, servants, partners, alter-egos, parent corporations, contractors, and/or employees of each of the remaining Defendants, and that the acts and/or omissions herein alleged were done by them acting individually, through such capacity or through the scope of their authority, and that such conduct was thereafter ratified by the remaining Defendants.
- 9. At all relevant times, Defendants, and each of them, solicited business from residents and other individuals within the State of California, conducted business with consumers in the State of California, conducted business with Plaintiff and others similarly situated with him herein, and solicited business from Plaintiff and others similarly situated with Plaintiff, said business being the

subject matter of this complaint.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 10. Plaintiff brings this class action, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated in California during all or part of the class period, as more fully explained below. The questions of law or fact common to the class predominate over questions affecting the individual members and, on balance, a class action is superior to other methods available for adjudicating the controversy.
 - 11. The proposed class Plaintiff seeks to represent is presently defined as follows:

 All persons who, in the past four years, used their Circuit City Rewards Card to
 - (a) make a Promotional Purchase in California;
- (b) had made the minimum payment, or greater payment on their prior statement closing balance ("Payment"); and
- (c) were assessed a finance charge on their prior balance without Chase having applied that Payment to their prior balance because Chase Bank applied the payment to the Promotional Purchase rather than to the prior balance.
- 12. There is a well-defined community of interest in the litigation and the proposed class is easily ascertainable.
- 13. Numerosity: The Plaintiff Class is potentially so numerous that the individual joinder of all members is impracticable under the circumstances of the case. While the exact number of class members is unknown to Plaintiff at this time, Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants' Circuit City Reward Card Promotional Purchase program was a widespread program marketed and promised to numerous individuals within the customer base of Defendants.
- 14. Common Questions Predominate: Common questions of law and fact exist as to all class members, and predominate over any questions that affect only individual members of the class. The common questions of law and fact include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) Whether Defendants have engaged in practices proscribed by the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Civil Code section 1770, subsection (a)(9), by "advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised";
 - (b) Whether Defendants have engaged in practices proscribed by the Consumer

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Legal Remedies Act, Civil Code section 1770, subsection (a)(13), by "making false or misleading statements of fact concerning reasons for, existence of, or amounts of price reductions";

- (c) Whether Defendants have engaged in practices proscribed by the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Civil Code section 1770, subsection (a)(14), by "representing that a transaction confers or involves rights, remedies or obligations which it does not have or involve, or which are prohibited by law";
- (d) Whether Defendants have engaged in practices proscribed by the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Civil Code section 1770, subsection (a)(19), by "inserting an unconscionable provision in the contract";
- (e) Whether Defendants have violated the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Civil Code section 1750 et seq., by engaging in other and/or additional practices proscribed therein;
- (f) Whether Defendants' activities related to its solicitation for consumer purchases of promotional Circuit City products with the Circuit City Rewards Card, constitutes false or misleading advertising in violation of Business and Professions Code section 17500;
- (g) Whether Defendants' conduct is "unlawful," "unfair" or "fraudulent" within the meaning of California's Unfair Business Practices Act, Business and Professions Code section 17200, et seq.
- (h) Whether in their uniform, written credit applications and marketing materials, Defendants have failed to disclose material terms of Defendants' Promotional Purchase offer;
- (i) Whether Defendants made uniform, material false representations to the effect that consumers would not be charged interest on Promotional Purchases.
- 15. Typicality: Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Plaintiff Class. Due to Defendants' common course of conduct, Plaintiff and all members of the Plaintiff Class have been unwittingly forced to pay off the Promotional Purchases prior to the expiration of

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the advertised grace period for such payments and have been assessed a finance charge or charges in connection with a Circuit City purchase advertised as "interest and payment free" if made with their Circuit City Rewards Card.

- Adequacy: Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of 16. Plaintiff Class. Plaintiff resides in California and has been charged finance fees in connection with one or more Promotional Purchases. Plaintiff has retained counsel who have substantial experience in complex civil litigation and class actions.
- 17. Superiority: The class action is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims of Plaintiff. The damages suffered by each individual Class Member may be limited. Damages of such magnitude are small given the burden and expense of individual prosecution of the complex and extensive litigation necessitated by Defendants' conduct. Further, it would be virtually impossible for the members of the Class individually to redress effectively the wrongs done to them. Even if the Class Members themselves could afford such individual litigation, the court system could not. Individualized litigation presents a potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments. Individualized litigation increases the delay and expense to all parties and the court system presented by the complex legal and factual issues of the case. By contrast, the class action device presents far fewer management difficulties, and provides the benefits of single adjudication, economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single court. Certification is also appropriate given the anticipated need to create a fluid recovery fund.
- 18. Plaintiff is unaware of any particular difficulties that are likely to be encountered in the management of this action that would preclude its maintenance as a class action.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

- 19. Defendants solicited Plaintiff and others similarly situated to make purchases at Circuit City using Defendants' Circuit City Rewards Card and in exchange for using its services, Plaintiff and others similarly situated were eligible to receive an interest and payment free period in which to pay off the balance on certain purchases described herein as "Promotional Purchases."
- From time to time, Defendants advertise Promotional Purchases in the Circuit City Stores, Circuit City Rewards Card applications, mailers, and newspapers, among other advertising

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- means. The Promotional Purchase advertisements offer "no interest, no payments" for a variable period based on the amount of the purchase. For example, a Circuit City Rewards Card promotional item offered to consumers in 2006, states in large writing: "No interest! No payments! For six months when you spend \$499 or more. For 90 days when you spend \$299 or more." "It is easy to take advantage of this offer! When you make a purchase with your Circuit City credit card, present this certificate to the store associate to scan." (A true and correct copy of this Circuit City Rewards Card promotional material is attached hereto as Exhibit A).
- 21. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that this promotional material as well as variations of this promotional material, advertising "no interest, no payment" for a specified period of time, was provided or made available, from time to time, to each of the Class Members.
- 22. On March 3, 2006, Plaintiff purchased a television set from Circuit City, charging \$2,000 to his Chase Circuit City Rewards Card. Although Plaintiff did not request that this item be treated as a Promotional Purchase, Defendants nevertheless automatically treated this item as a Promotional Purchase, with the term of no interest with minimal payment until January 2008.
- 23. Prior to the purchase of the subject television, Defendant Chase Bank billed Plaintiff for purchases made between January 14, 2006, and February 13, 2006 ("February Statement"), on his Circuit City Rewards Card. Payment was due by March 10, 2006, and if Payment was posted by March 10, 2006, no finance charge should be applied because the balance would have been paid in full. Alternatively, if partial Payment was made either of the minimum amount or a greater amount, then a finance charge should be applied only against the remaining balance after subtracting the Payment made. Plaintiff returned two items and made two on-line payments consisting of the total amount owing on March 4, 2006, and March 6, 2006, thereby paying the February Statement balance in full and on time.
- 24. Based on the language appearing in each of his monthly statements, Plaintiff was informed and believed that he would not be assessed a finance charge if his monthly billings were paid in full, or that any finance charge would be based only on the remaining balance after any partial Psyment had been subtracted from the outstanding balance. Each billing statement received

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- Sometime after March 13, 2006, Plaintiff received his monthly statement from Defendant Chase Bank for purchases made between February 14, 2006, and March 13, 2006 ("March Statement"). Although plaintiff had paid the February Statement balance in full and in a timely manner, Defendant Chase Bank assessed a \$77.25 finance charge which appeared on the March Statement, (A true and correct copy of the March Statement is attached hereto as Exhibit C).
- Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges that he was assessed the 26. \$77.25 finance charge because his entire February Statement Payment was applied against the \$2,000 Promotional Purchase, payment for which was not due, instead of to the February Statement balance, thereby leaving a balance due against which finance charges were charged. The \$2,000 charge for the television was made subsequent to the issuance of the February Statement, and no Payments of any kind were due and owing for the Promotional Purchase until January 2008. Nevertheless, Chase Bank allocated the entire \$1,736.91 that Plaintiff paid on his February Statement to the March 3, 2006, Promotional Purchase, even though, as advertised, no amounts were due and owing on that item.
- 27. Chase Bank assessed similar finance charges against Plaintiff on at least two (2) other prior occasions involving the same type of Promotional Purchase, where payments were not due for a specified period of time, but Chase Bank nevertheless allocated all of Plaintiff's payments to the Promotional Purchase. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges that thousands of other similarly situated Class Members made similar types of Promotional Purchases at Circuit City using Defendants' Circuit City Rewards Card, which Defendants treated as Promotional Purchases subject to terms of "no interest, no payment" for a specified period of time, but were thereafter charged a finance charge in a manner similar, or identical to that of Plaintiff.
 - 28. The "no interest, no payment" promotional offers fail to disclose that all payments

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- The promotional offer conveys that the consumer will receive a benefit of a grace 29. period of anywhere from a few months to two (2) years or more. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, however, that the offer is a scam used to induce consumers into believing that they will have an extended time period in which to pay off their Promotional Purchases, when in fact, the consumer has less time to pay off the Promotional Purchases due to Defendants' practice of allocating consumers' Payments as described herein.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges that Defendant Chase Bank knows of the terms and conditions of such Promotional Purchases, and that Chase Bank's practice of prioritizing the allocation of credit card payments to purchases not yet due and owing is deceptive, misleading, fraudulent, unfair and in violation of California law. Plaintiff further is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges that Defendant Chase Bank's practice of prioritizing the allocation of credit card payments to purchases advertised as "interest and payment free" is especially egregious and violative of California law as this practice directly contradicts the concept of "interest and payment free."
- Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, seeks damages and 31. equitable relief, including restitution, for violations of the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act, the California Business and Professions Code (Unfair Business Practices and Faise Advertising), Fraud and Deceit, and breach of contract and of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing. On behalf of himself and the proposed Class Members, and to the extent appropriate, on behalf of the general public of California, Plaintiff seeks, among other things, declaratory relief, injunctive relief, equitable relief, including restitution and disgorgement, and actual and punitive damages, and attorney's fees.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of the Consumers Legal Remedies Act)

(Against All Defendants)

Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 - 31 above as though fully set forth 32.

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33. Defendants are "persons" and provide "goods" and "services" within the meaning of the Civil Code sections 1761(c) and 1770.

- Purchasers of Circuit City Promotional Purchases with the Circuit City Rewards

 Card, including Plaintiff and Class Members, are "consumers" within the meaning of the Civil Code section 1761(d) and 1770. Plaintiff's and each Class Member's Promotional Purchase with the Circuit City Rewards Card constitutes a "transaction" within the meaning of Civil Code sections 1761(e) and 1770.
- 35. As set forth herein, Defendants' acts, practices, representations, omissions, and course of conduct with respect to advertising and selling items as interest and payment free violates section 1770 (a)(9), (13), (14), and (19) of the Consumers Logal Remedies Act in that: (a) Defendants advertised goods or services with the intent not to sell them as advertised; (b) Defendants made misleading statements of fact concerning reasons for, existence or amounts of price reductions; (c) Defendants represented that the transaction conferred or involved rights, remedies or obligations that it did not have or involve; and (d) Defendants inserted an unconscionable provision in the contract.
- 36. This action shall constitute notice to Defendants pursuant to California Civil Code section 1782 of the unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business practices as complained herein and formal demand that Defendants: (1) cease and desist all advertising, promotional and sales activities and practices described herein; (2) cease the promotion of its "interest and payment free" credit card through the use of deceptive and misleading advertising devices as described herein; (3) cease the practice of prioritizing the application of consumers' credit card payments to Promotional Purchases; and (4) disclose to all consumers' Defendants' deceptive and illegal practices.
- 37. Should Defendants herein fail to comply with the demands as stated above, Plaintiff shall file a First Amended Complaint seeking an order, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 1780 et seq.: (1) directing Defendants to cease and desist all advertising, promotional and sales activities and practices described herein; (2) enjoining Defendants from the promotion of its "interest and payment free" credit card through the use of deceptive and misleading

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26 27 advertising devices as described herein; (3) directing Defendants to disgorge, for the benefit of Class Members, its profits and compensation emanating from its "interest and payment free" scheme, and/or make full restitution to Plaintiff and Class Members; and (4) enjoining Defendant Chase Bank from prioritizing the application of consumers' credit card payments to Promotional Purchases. Plaintiff's Amended Complaint shall also seek compensatory and punitive damages, costs of litigation, attorneys' fees and such other relief as is authorized under applicable provisions of the CLRA.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(For Violation of the California Business and Professions Code Section 17200 et seq.: Unlawful and Unfair Business Practices)
(Against All Defendants)

- 38. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 37 above as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff has suffered injury in fact and has suffered financial loss as a result of Defendants' conduct as alleged in this cause of action.
- 39. Defendants' acts, conduct and practices as described herein constitute unlawful business acts and practices within the meaning of California Business and Professions Code sections 17200 et seq.
- 40. Defendants' acts, conduct and practices were unlawful, in that Defendants violated the Consumers Legal Remedies Act, as alloged herein.
- 41. Defendants' acts, conduct and practices, as described herein, constitute unfair, fraudulent, and deceptive business acts and practices within the meaning of California Business and Professions Code sections 17200 et seq.
- 42. Defendants' acts, conduct and practices, as alleged herein, were unfair, in that any utility for Defendants' conduct is outweighed by the gravity of the consequences to Plaintiff, Class Members, and the general public, and/or Defendants' conduct is immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous or substantially injurious to Plaintiff, Class Members and the general public.
- 43. Defendants' acts, conduct and practices, as alleged herein, were fraudulent, in that they were likely to and did deceive Plaintiff, Class Members and the general public, and Defendants

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44. Defendants' unfair, fraudulent, and deceptive business acts and practices are described herein and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Advertising promotional items as interest and payment free when purchased with a Circuit City Rewards Card when in fact, interest and finance charges were frequently applied;
- (b) Charging a finance fee despite Payment of the monthly balance in part or in full, without deducting the Payment made before assessing any finance charge; and
- (c) Applying monthly Payments to Promotional Purchases not yet billed or owing instead of to the balance as billed in the monthly statement due.
- 45. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unfair, unlawful and fraudulent business practices as alleged herein, Defendants were able to: (a) issue more charge cards to Circuit City customers than they otherwise would have; (b) receive more credit card purchases for Circuit City products than they otherwise would have; and/or (c) charge more finance charges than they otherwise would have, and accordingly, Defendants received and are in possession of excessive and unjust revenues and profits.
- 46. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated in California, and where appropriate, on behalf of the general public of California, seeks an order including, but not limited to (1) directing Defendants to cease and desist all advertising, promotional and sales activities and practices described herein; (2) enjoining Defendants from the promotion of their "interest and payment free" credit card through the use of deceptive and misleading advertising devices as described herein; (3) directing Defendants to disgorge, for the benefit of Class Members, their profits and compensation emanating from their "interest and payment free" scheme, and/or make full restitution to Plaintiff and Class Members; and (4) enjoining Defendant Chase Bank from prioritizing the application of consumers' credit card payments to Promotional Purchases. Plaintiff also seeks any other relief the Court deems acceptable, in accordance with section 17203 of the Business and Professions Code. Plaintiff also seeks costs of litigation, attorneys' fees pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure §1021.5, and such other relief as the Court deems proper.

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- 48. The standardized advertising and written and oral promotional material and all other written and oral promotional efforts undertaken by Defendants constitute advertising services and commercial statements, disseminated by Defendants, which contained statements that are untrue and/or misleading, or which omitted material information, and which are known, or by the exercise of reasonable care should have been known by Defendants to be deceptive, in violation of California Business and Professions Code section 17500, et seq. and other similar state false advertising statutes. Plaintiff and Class Members are accordingly entitled to equitable and injunctive relief, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, and request the following equitable and injunctive relief:
 - That Defendants be ordered to cease and desist all advertising, promotional (a) and sales activities and practices described herein;
 - (b) That Defendants be enjoined from the promotion of its "interest and payment free" credit card through the use of deceptive and misleading advertising devices as described herein;
 - (c) That Defendants be ordered to disgorge, for the benefit of Class Members, their profits and compensation emanating from its "interest and payment free" scheme, and/or make full restitution to Plaintiff and Class Members.
 - That Defendant Chase Bank be enjoined from prioritizing the application of consumers' credit card payments to Promotional Purchases.

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FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

' (Fraud and Deceit)

(Against All Defendants)

- 49. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 48 above as though fully set forth herein.
- 50. At various times, as set forth in this Complaint, Defendants made material and intentional misrepresentations and false promises to Plaintiff, and others similarly situated while fraudulently concealing other material facts from Plaintiff. The material, fraudulent misrepresentations, false promises, and fraudulent omissions include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (a) Uniform, written solicitations to consumers, which solicitations uniformly promised that certain promotional purchases made at Circuit City using the Circuit City Rewards Card in excess of \$250 would receive an interest and payment free period in which to payoff their purchase;
 - (b) Uniform failure to disclose in Defendants' written solicitations to consumers that Defendant Chase Bank would actually charge a finance charge even when customers paid their prior balance in full, or would otherwise charge a finance charge on any remaining balance without first deducting any partial Payment made;
 - (c) Failure to clearly and adequately disclose that Chase Bank would allocate Payments to Promotional Purchases, even if no payments were due for many months, thus causing customers who believed they were paying their current balances to actually incur excessive finance charges.
- 51. While Defendants were making the enumerated, material fraudulent and deceitful misrepresentations and omissions, they knew the true facts to be the opposite thereof.
- 52. Defendants knew that each of these enumerated, material misrepresentations and omissions were deceitful and fraudulent at the time that they were made, or, at the minimum, made the fraudulent misrepresentations and omissions with a reckless disregard for the true facts.
 - 53. Defendants made its material fraudulent misrepresentation and fraudulently

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- 54. Plaintiff and other Class Members were unaware of the true facts that were concealed by Defendants' material fraudulent misrepresentations and omissions, consummated the proposed Promotional Purchase, having no reason to suspect that the transactions were predicated upon such material, described and fraudulent misrepresentations and omissions.
- 55. As a direct and proximate result of the events and material, described and fraudulent misrepresentations described herein, Plaintiff and other Class Members have been damaged as may be shown according to proof at the time of trial.
- 56. In doing the acts herein alleged, Defendants acted with malice, oppression, and fraud in order to induce Plaintiff and Class Members into making Circuit City purchases with the Circuit City Rewards Card pursuant to which Defendants would profit from the collection of undisclosed fees. Such despicable conduct, in willful and conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights, justifies an award of exemplary damages against these Defendants in amounts as may be shown in according to proof at the time of trial.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Breach of Contract)

(Against Defendant Chase Bank and Does 1 - 50)

- 57. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 56 above as though fully set forth herein.
- 58. Defendant Chase Bank offered Plaintiff and Class Members a no interest, no payment grace period on Promotional Purchases made using their Circuit City Rewards Card.
- 59. Plaintiff and Class Members made Promotional Purchases as offered by Defendant Chase Bank.

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- 60. Defendant Chase Bank breached these contracts by prioritizing the allocation of credit card Payments to purchases offered and accepted as interest and payment free ahead of non-promotional items appearing on the monthly statement. Defendant Chase Bank further breached these contracts by charging an interest fee on balances that remained due to this allocation of Payments.
- 61. By reason of Defendants' breach of Plaintiff's and other Class Members' respective contracts, Plaintiff's and other Class Members have been damaged in the manner set forth herein, in an amount to be determined at trial.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Breach of the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

(Against Defendant Chase Bank and Does 1 - 50)

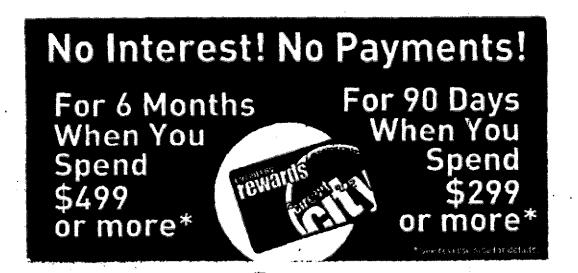
- 62. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 ~ 61 above as though fully set forth herein.
- 63. Every contract imposes upon each party a duty of good faith and fair dealing in its performance. The Promotional Purchases made by Plaintiff and Class Members with their Circuit City Rewards Card contained an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. The covenant requires that neither party to the Promotional Purchase agreement do anything to infringe upon the other party's rights to the benefits of the agreement.
- 64. Defendant Chase Bank's conduct, as set forth herein, has breached each of the implied covenants of good faith and fair dealing.
- 65. For example, Defendant Chase Bank has materially breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing by:
 - (a) Promising purchasers of Circuit City Promotional Purchases they would receive a payment free period in which to payoff their purchase, when, in fact, Defendant Chase Bank prioritized the allocation of Payments to Promotional Purchases;
 - (b) Promising purchasers of Circuit City Promotional Purchases they would receive an interest free period in which to payoff their purchase, when, in fact, Defendant

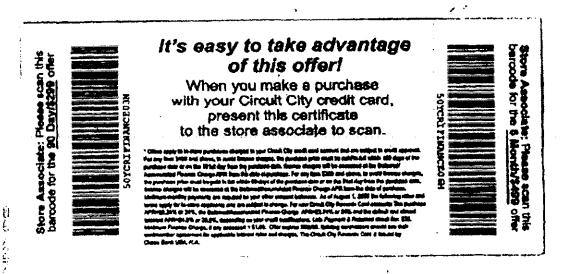
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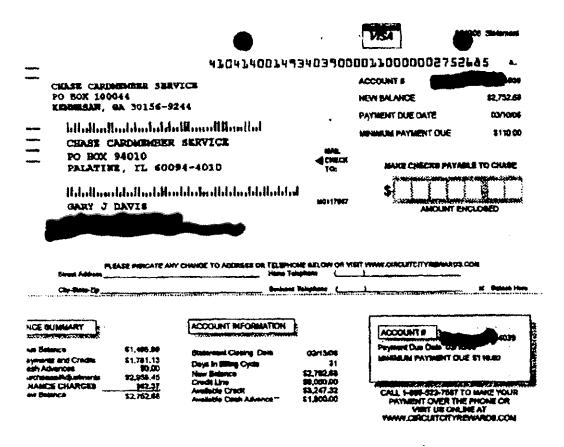
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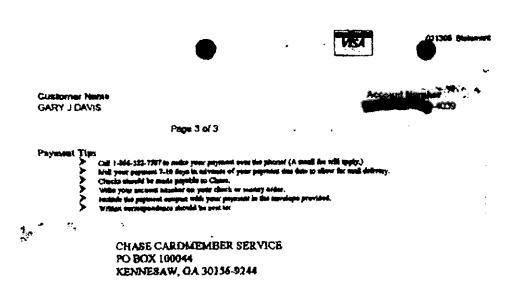
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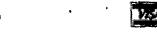
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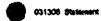
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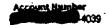
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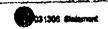
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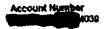
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2	STATE OF CALIFORNIA)	
3	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.	
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5	l am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action. My business address is: 2029 Century Park East, Suite 1800, Los Angeles, California 90067-3086.	
7 8	On August 1, 2006, I served the foregoing document(s) described as: NOTICE OF REMOVAL , on the interested parties in this action by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:	
9	Drew E. Pomerance, Esq. Peter E. Glick, Esq.	
10	Michael G. Kline, Esq. Attorney at Law 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 1100	
11	ROXBOROUGH, POMERANCE Sacramento, CA 95814 & NYE LLP Tel: (916) 558-6182 Tel: (916) 488 2424	
12	5820 Canoga Avenue, Suite 250 Fax: (916) 448-2434 Woodland Hills, CA 91367	
13	Tel: (818) 992-9999 Fax: (818) 992-9991	
14	(VIA PERSONAL SERVICE) By causing to be delivered the document(s) listed	
15	above to the person(s) at the address(es) set forth above.	
16	(VIA U.S. MAIL) In accordance with the regular mailing collection and processing practices of this office, with which I am readily familiar, by means of which mail is	
17	deposited with the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California that same day in the ordinary course of business, I deposited such sealed envelope, with postage	
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22	Federal Express or by a similar overnight delivery service.	
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25	l declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above true and correct.	••
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